

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

***Response to restriction requirement***

In response Applicants elect Group 1, Claims 1-20, without traverse. Applicants elect the following species for examination (Letters correspond to those in the Office Action at pages 2-3):

- A. The same, *araB*
- B. The same
- C. The same
- D. The same
- E. The cleavage sites of claim 18.

***Related applications***

Applicants wish to advise the Examiner of the following copending, commonly assigned, U.S. patent application directed to similar subject matter: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/672,396 for "Synthetic Genes," filed September 26, 2003.


**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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